



Chatham Ecumenical Council

Helping Prevent Homelessness

Dear Neighbor,

With this letter, we are launching CECH's new format for our end-of-year communication with you: a NEWSLETTER. And we have good news to share! Here are some highlights of how your generous and continuing support this year has enabled CECH to achieve its mission of *preventing* homelessness through financial assistance to those in need in Chatham and surrounding communities:

- As of the end of September, CECH has assisted 24 grant recipients with grants totaling \$54,388.42. Recipients were from Chatham, Harwich, Brewster, Orleans, and Eastham.
- In August, Habitat for Humanity formally dedicated its two homes in Chatham, for which CECH provided a \$25k grant for advanced energy savings technology installations. Designated by Habitat as an “Environmental Sponsor,” CECH has been “visible” throughout the project, from groundbreaking to dedication, via signage provided by Habitat and our presence at the dedication. Photos from the dedication ceremony are on the CECH website: [Habitat \(cechomelessprevention.org\)](http://cechomelessprevention.org)
- Awareness and support of CECH’s mission among the communities we serve is increasing. Eight local corporate and small businesses, four of which were new this year, stepped up to sponsor our September Rose Clancy Concert, a fund-raising event hosted by CECH. Total donations from all sponsors covered all concert expenses, allowing 100% of ticket sales proceeds to add to CECH funds available for grants. Sponsor names

as well as photos from the concert are on our website: [Concert \(cechomelessprevention.org\)](https://cechomelessprevention.org)

- CECH successfully completed a Town of Chatham RFP to support the overall operations of agencies which provide services to local residents and, as a result, received a Town of Chatham Human Services Contract for \$1500 for Fiscal Year 2024.
- The Town of Chatham has also helped to generate awareness of CECH's mission through its weekly Town Manager's e-mail newsletter, *The Mainsheet*, which included the fall edition of CECH's photo/flyer summarizing the assistance we offer and how to connect with us. You can find it by scrolling through [The Mainsheet October 13, 2023 \(civicplus.com\)](https://civicplus.com)

CECH's mission is indeed accomplished through "neighbors helping neighbors." On behalf of our all-volunteer Council, please accept our sincere thanks for your past support. Should you wish to support CECH's mission again, please use the Paypal link at the bottom of CECH website homepage or send a contribution to CECH at the P.O. Box address below.



Mildred Hastbacka, President

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